IPW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

pplicant(s): SUZUKI et al.

Application No.: 10/729,955

Filed: December 9, 2003

Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

THE SAME

Attorney Docket No.: 01-528

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22314

January 27, 2005

Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: LEE, Eugene

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restrictions requirement mailed on January 11, 2005 in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect Group I (the device claims – claims 1-14, 16, and 18-25) and Species I of Figs. 2-36 without traverse. Applicants state that claims 1-15 read on the elected Species I.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Posz Reg. No. 37,701

Posz & Bethards, PLC 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 10 Reston, VA 20190 Phone: (703) 707-9110

Customer No. 23400